

1 3.15 RECREATION

RECREATION	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2 3.15.1 Environmental Setting

3 The Project area is located 2 miles east-northeast of Niland, Imperial County, in the
 4 central basin of the Colorado Desert. Niland is a small community on the southeast side
 5 of the Salton Sea, approximately 80 miles southeast of Palm Springs and 19 miles north
 6 of Brawley. Recreation opportunities are limited within the Project area. The Glamis
 7 Sand Dune Recreation area is approximately 26 miles to the south. This area is
 8 managed by the National Park Service and provides an area for off-highway motor
 9 vehicle recreation (OHMVR). The Ocotillo Wells OHMVR Park is more than 39 miles
 10 west of the proposed sale sites. North of the School Lands parcel is Coachella, Palm
 11 Springs and other golf resort destinations. Many golf communities and resorts are more
 12 than 60 miles away from the proposed site.

13 3.15.2 Regulatory Setting

14 The proposed sale of School Lands will not have an impact on federal, State, or local
 15 goals, policies, and/or regulations.

16 3.15.3 Impact Analysis

17 ***a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional***
 18 ***parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration***
 19 ***of the facility would occur or be accelerated?***

20 **No Impact.** The proposed sale of School Lands will not increase the use of existing
 21 neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial
 22 physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. The closest park or
 23 playground is located 4 miles away in Niland. The proposed sale does not include any
 24 construction or modification of existing baseline conditions.

1 ***b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or***
2 ***expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect***
3 ***on the environment?***

4 **No Impact.** The proposed sale of School Lands will not include recreational facilities or
5 require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities.

6 **3.15.4 Summary**

7 Based upon the above considerations, no impacts to recreation are expected to occur
8 as a result of the proposed sale of School Lands. The proposed purchasers of the
9 School Lands parcels plan to continue the existing uses (current baseline conditions)
10 associated with the respective parcels. The Project does not include any construction or
11 ground-disturbing activities. Any other uses and potential impacts are too speculative for
12 evaluation.